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Manager's Newsletter

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Heritage Day Festival Cancelled for 2010

After a lot of deliberation it has been decided that due to budgetary constraints the Heritage Day Festival will not go on as planned this year. The Town Budget for FY 2010-2011 does not include monies for the Festival. The Committee depends heavily on contributions from our local businesses to help finance the event and it was felt that it was an extra burden in an already tough economy.

Town Council Meeting Highlights – July 6, 2010

- Mayor Perry recognized Sergeant Trey Piland for serving the Town of Kitty Hawk for 15 years. Sergeant Piland has been employed with the town since June 1995.
- Council approved the proposal for town vehicle towing services from Seto's Towing & Service Center.
- Council approved the site plan review of the proposed Dare County public park that will be located at 900 W. Kitty Hawk Road. The proposed improvements include a fenced dog park, a skateboard park, a children's playground, a picnic pavilion, bathrooms, walking trails, and a parking lot.
- Council approved the contingency agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation in regards to the Storm Drainage Study. The town has been designated as a recipient, subject to availability of state funds, to receive up to \$25,000 for the study.
- Recommendations were made by Councilman Reid to amend the Town Code, Chapter 42. The council made a motion to send the amendments to the Planning Board for review.

Dare County Emergency Management Announces Changes for Re-entry Passes

The 2008-2009 re-entry passes issued by Dare County Emergency Management in June 2008 will remain valid for 2010-2011. No new re-entry permits will be issued this year.

Re-entry passes are used for fast identification at check points following an emergency evacuation; however, all Dare County residents and property owners will be allowed re-entry at the appropriate time with proper identification. For Dare County residents, this requires a valid driver's license with a local address. Property owners must show a recent tax receipt in their name along with a valid driver's license. A tax receipt may be printed out from the Tax Certification web site.

“We looked at the history of the use of these permits and determined that extending the life of the permits makes sense,” comments Emergency Management Director Sandy Sanderson. “It provides a cost savings without compromising the purpose of the passes.”

If Dare County is threatened by a hurricane, notice of an impending evacuation will be provided in a variety of ways including print media, radio, television including the official local government access channel found on local cable channel 20 and the Dare County website at www.darenc.com.

Following a storm, the same media will be used to announce when conditions allow re-entry. Depending on the severity of the storm, re-entry may be allowed on a staged basis to ensure the protection of people and property.

In addition, specific routes to the Outer Banks may be necessary to access different areas of the county, so it is important to call 877-629-4386 or 252-475-5655 for detailed re-entry information following an evacuation.

During an emergency, residents and guests are encouraged to visit the Dare County website for updated information or call Emergency Management staff that will be on duty at 252-475-5655. The following information was taken from www.darenc.com.

Before You Dig Up Your Yard Call 811

If you are digging up your yard for any reason, whether it is for plowing, construction, or any kind of excavation, you might want to consider calling for a utility location. Your underground utilities would include telephone lines, gas lines, water lines, electric lines, and cable T. V. There is a free service known as “The One Call System” that anyone can use to be sure that you do not have underground utilities where you plan to dig. Simply call 811 before you dig and you can get the underground utilities marked. You should give at least 48 hours notice for the mark off prior to digging. If by chance you do hit an underground utility, you can call 1-800-752-7504 and report the situation.

What do I do if I see a sick fox?

Someone recently wrote in and asked that we mention something about what you should do if you see a sick fox. If you see a sick fox, it could mean that the fox may have rabies. Usually any wild animal that staggers or stumbles around or is unusually aggressive could have rabies. A fox that is in a rabid condition can also seem very friendly. Foxes are usually shy and if they run away from you that indicates that they are probably normal.

If you do see a fox that appears to be sick, staggering, and friendly or aggressive, what should you do? You can call the Dare County Animal Shelter at 475-1587 and report the animal. If it is after regular hours you can call them at 888-876-5942.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department June 2010

During the month of June 2010, there were 79 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

Assist Invalid	1
Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid	6
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	1
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
Lock-in	1
Medical Calls	43
Sound Rescue	1
Structure Fire	4
Fire alarm malfunction	2
Fire alarm unintentional	1
Lightning Strike	1
Surf Rescue	1
Vehicle Accidents	19
With no injuries	11
With injuries	3
Extrication	1
Vehicle/Bicycle	4

Code Enforcement Activities – April 2010

CODE VIOLATIONS		
Notice of Violations Issued	3	
Civil Citations Issued		
Land Disturbance Activity	1	
Public Nuisance	3	
Abandon/Junk Vehicles	1	
Right of Way Encroachments	1	
Lighting Violations		
Site Plan Violations	4	
No Building Permit	1	
Home Occupations	2	
Signs	20	
Noise Violations		
Flood Ordinance		
TOTALS	36	
CAMA PERMITS		
Minor Permits		
Exemption Letters	4	
Beach Push Permits	0	
CAMA Violations Issued		
TOTALS	4	
BANNER PERMITS		
TOTALS	3	
OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMITS		
TOTALS	1	
FIRE INSPECTIONS		
Assembly	1	1 Violation
Business	2	0 Violations
Mercantile	4	5 Violations
Educational		
Residential		
Industrial		
Manufacturing	1	0 Violations
Hood System	1	0 Violations
Storage		
Sprinkler Systems		
Tent		
Re-inspections		
First	8	20 Violations Corrected
Second		
Third		
TOTALS	17	

Opportunities to Participate

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Town Council Meeting

Monday, August 2, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 6 p.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)